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food, etc. during the time for which he shall purchase, etc.

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FREE NEGROES AND SLAVES—If any free negro, etc. within ten days from the end of
the term for which such negro, etc. may
have been sold, etc. shall not leave the
State, or hire himself, etc. to serve as a
slave for the following year, he shall again
be sold, etc. and like manner every successive year thereafter,

The purchaser of any free negro, etc. shall pay to said negro, etc. at the end of the term, etc. the amount of money bid for said negro, etc. after deducting necessary. costs and charges, the sum of 10 per cent as commission to the officer, 85 to the informer, if any, \$1 to each of the justices for their services, provided said purchase money after deducting costs, etc. which shall be paid in eash at the time of sale, be secured by bond, etc. for the use of said negro at the end of term, etc. bond to be then assigned said negro, and may be recovered as small debts,

If any free negro be sold by virtue of the 3rd and 4th sections of this act, shall be father or mother of any child below the age of 21 years if male, or 18 years if female, the justices of said courts or orphans' courts, etc. to have the infant brought before them and bound out, etc. if male until 21 years, if female until 18, etc. all indentures to be returned to orphans' courts, etc.

Interest in said apprentices to be considered personal property and liable to be transferred to any person in the State, but said apprentices in no case to be removed out of the State,

This act not to interfere withthe provisions of the acts of Assembly in favor free people of color visiting Liberia, Trinidad, British Guiana, etc.

Inconsistent acts repealed,